

***Remarks***

***Notice Under 37 CFR 1.251 – Pending Application***

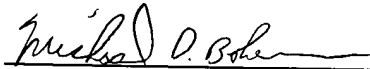
On May 9, 2005 a notice under 37 CFR 1.251 was sent to Applicant indicating that the PTO could not locate the foreign priority submitted on 9/8/03 in conjunction with this application US 10/611,545. Applicant submits that no foreign priority is being claimed for this application. On June 30, 2004 my office spoke to Shirley Steele at the PTO in response to Miss Steele's repeated request for this foreign priority document. It was explained to Miss Steele at that time that there was no foreign priority for this application. Miss Steele reviewed the records and agreed that this fact was indicated on the PTO database. In conclusion, this application US 10/611,545 is a first filing and there is no foreign priority being claimed nor was there a foreign priority submitted on 9/8/03.

***Conclusion***

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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